

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—If I show it, will you remember?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I think I will.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—(d). The probable date on which the work can be started?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It cannot be stated with any degree of exactitude.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—So it lacks exactness completely?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Hon'ble Member has understood it correctly.

Students—admission—Maharaja's College.

186. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. the maximum number of students allowed by the University in each group, in each class, of the Maharaja's College in this academic year;

2. from what date was such restriction enforced and whether they will be pleased to place a copy of the communication restricting the admission on the table;

3. the number of students admitted into the various classes and groups of the College this year;

4. if in the answer to sub-division (3) the number is excess of the sanctioned number of seats (a) the reasons for admitting them (b) under what authority they were admitted.

5. (a) the number of students sent out of the College this year as per the University order;

(b) the dates on which they were sent away;

(c) the amount of fees paid by them this year;

(d) whether they have all of them got admission in other Colleges;

(e) whether the University authorities did show any concession in the matter of providing admission for these boys in other Colleges, and if so, what it is;

(f) whether there is anybody responsible for this irregularity, and if so, who;

(g) what disciplinary action, if any, has the Government taken against the officer or officers responsible for this;

(h) if no action is taken in the matter, does not the Government intend taking action against him or them in order to avoid the recurrence of it in future?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—

Class I Group	I	60
	II	30
	III	50

Class II—Total strength for all the three groups together was fixed at 110. Class III—Total of all groups together not to exceed 100.

Admissions to Groups ii b and ii c were restricted to 20 and 15 respectively.

Class IV—Total strength of all groups together not to exceed 100.

2. 6th May 1931, communicating copy of the University Commission Report. The report is confidential and cannot therefore be placed on the Council Table. Extracts from the report relating to admission and strength are appended. (*Appendix X.*)

3. Class I Group i 96

ii 48

iii 40

Class II—No admissions were made.

Class III Group ib 19

iib 15

iic 15

iie 15

iva 9

(ivb 27

Class IV—No admissions were made.

(a) Cochin students have been finding it very difficult to get admission to Colleges outside the State and the demand from the public for admission in the College greatly increased.

(b) The Principal made the admissions as he understood that the Syndicate would withdraw restrictions if prompt action was taken on the College Extension Scheme and the promises held out by the Government were fulfilled.

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3rd Kanni 1107/19th September 1931 17.

30th Kanni 1107/16th October 1931 38.

(c) Rs. 2,061—1—0.

(d) It was only after admissions were first secured in other Colleges that students were sent out with transfer certificates. But whether all these students have actually joined these Colleges is not known.

(e) Yes. Permission was granted to students to change their groups should they desire to do so. Such Colleges as were prepared to admit the students were permitted as a special case to increase the strength up to a maximum of 7 per cent the maximum strength sanctioned for the group.

(f) Technically the Principal is responsible.

(g) No disciplinary action was taken as the Principal admitted students due to a bonafide error of judgment.

(h) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to sub-division (g).

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—(1) Are there special maximum numbers laid for the various groups in class III? The total is not to exceed 100. Is there any restriction with regard to the number?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The maximum of the different groups has been fixed by the University. For the third class also it is fixed. The maximum of the science section in the third is very strictly limited. One is 20 and the other is 15 for each section.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—I am asking whether there is any maximum number. May I know what they are?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I have not got my file. I shall place it on the table in the afternoon.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—My original question itself was for the maximum number as regards each group. If the file is not here I shall wait.

(2). May I know when the College was reopened?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Somewhere about the third week of June.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Whether the Government or the Principal took any steps to get the University's stipulation of strength modified between that date and the reopening of the College?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I don't think he did. My information is he did not.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Does it require the sanction of the University to admit more students than stipulated by the University authorities?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Certainly.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Did the Principal apply for and get sanction before he admitted the students?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—All that is explained in answer to (4). He ran up to Madras. He understood the acting Vice Chancellor to imply that if works were put on energetically the University would not press the restrictions.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—So that was the only step taken for getting the sanction? Or were any other steps taken to get the stipulation regarding the number of admissions modified beyond his rushing to Madras and interfering with the Vice Chancellor? Whether he made any application to the University or anything of the kind?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—No application was made. I shall explain why it was not made. The strength of the College was fixed at the time of affiliation and it has never been adhered to. The University made complaints and it has become a force of habit. The expectation was that the University will not press this point particularly in this year in view of the great difficulties experienced by the students. Therefore, no further application was made except this personal application.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Whether the Government or the Principal had any reason to think that stipulations laid down by the University will not be insisted upon by them?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—There is the precedent of 10 years.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Am I to take it to mean that the University authorities were not insisting upon the restrictions laid down by them?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—With regard to the admissions in the Maharaja's College, every Commission that visited reported that the strength was in excess but never made any insistence.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I take it to mean that even before this year they were admitting more students than were allowed by the University and that without the previous sanction of the University?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Yes, Sir. Last year the strength was 601.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Did he not take the previous permission of the University?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—He did not.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Was any selection made from among the applicants for admission to the College?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Since 150 and odd applications were rejected the inference is that a selection was made.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know whether there was any principle in making the selection?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—There are always two principles applied here as well as elsewhere, first priority of the application and higher educational attainments and that was followed here also.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Were any non-Cochinites given admission this year?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Some non-Cochinites were admitted.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know the number?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I can't give you the exact number, but it is somewhere between 15 and 18.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Were any Cochin students sent out?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Yes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—How many, may I know?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I have not got the figures. In some cases certain students were given certificates, but other students were more charitably inclined and suffered the hardship of the compatriots.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Had he limited the admission to the Cochinites could he not have come within the limited numbers allowed by the University?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I said fifty-five were sent out and less than 20 are non-Cochinites. So there is an excess of 30.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—How many non-Cochinites were admitted this year?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I said between 15 and 18.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know how he came to understand that the Syndicate would withdraw restrictions?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—He had a conversation with Father Bertram, the Acting Vice-Chancellor and that was what he gathered from the conversation. He came to me before he did anything further and told me that Father Bertram really raised an objection, but if matters were pushed through energetically, the University will not insist on the restriction.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Was that fact brought before the Syndicate, the fact that Father Bertram made the Principal understand that he could admit more?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—We had no access to the Syndicate or to its members, but we brought this to the notice of the Vice-Chancellor and the Registrar by wire.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—What was the reply?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—We got no seratim reply. The University insisted that the number must be adhered to.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Does the communication show that the Acting Vice Chancellor had given permission to admit more?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Certainly not. The consequences show that University disclaims.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—(f) May I know in what sense does the Government use the word "technical"?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Orders were issued by the Director of Public Instruction to adhere to the numbers laid down by the University and therefore the Head of the Department unfortunately is not responsible for this. He cannot share the responsibility for this. The Principal in the throes of agony ran up to Madras and had an interview with the Acting Vice Chancellor and returned with the impression that they would wait till

the extension is completed. Technically he is the only person responsible for this.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—I understand that the Director of Public Instruction has not sanctioned this. Did the Diwan give this sanction?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—He did not go to the Diwan. The Director has the power either to admit or to decline.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Nobody else is responsible.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Technically nobody else is responsible.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Whether substantially anybody else is responsible?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Speaking for the Government I say that the other side is equally responsible.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Which side please?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The University. There is another side here.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know, how?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—There are many things on which I, as the Head of a Department, would not like to say anything more.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—I don't want the personal opinion of the Director. I am asking for answers from the Government.

President.—You are asking for an opinion.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—I am not asking for an opinion. I asked who was responsible and the Government answered technically the Principal is responsible. I am now asking whether anybody else is responsible. That technically makes some difference.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I said technically he is the only person responsible. And with regard to any other types of responsibility it is very difficult to say who else is responsible. I have not yet made any research.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—So you do not at present know whether there is anybody else who is responsible for it?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is again a question for my opinion. I do not venture to express an opinion at this stage.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Were the fees collected refunded to the students?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The fees during the period for which they had no advantage were refunded and other concessions given.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know whether the Principal was confirmed subsequently?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—May I know, Sir, how it arises in this connection?

President.—I don't think it arises.

187. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the strength of the various classes and groups in each class in the Maharaja's College from 1925—1931 ;

(2) the number of applications for admissions received for the above classes in these years ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—A statement in appended. (*Appendix XI*).

(2) No register has been maintained for the purpose and it is therefore impossible to furnish the information.

Teaching of Philosophy and Languages.

188. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they intend making for provision for the teaching of Philosophy and Languages in the proposed extension scheme at Ernakulam ;

(2) whether there will be accommodation for the Honours classes if required in the building proposed to be constructed for the Maharaja's College at Ernakulam ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) There will be provision for Honours in some subjects.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—(2) On what all subjects do they propose to open Honours classes ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—At present there is no proposal to open any Honours class.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know for what all subjects are the Government going to make provisions for Honours classes.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—There will be provisions for honours courses in some subjects. There will be at present provision for starting English language and literature and speaking for myself, when the new buildings are completed there will be room for mental and moral science.

Deputation—College extension.

189. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether a deputation waited on the Diwan headed by Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon, retired Diwan Peishkar, to represent their views in connection with the transfer of the Maharaja's College to Ramavarmapuram ;

(2) if so, when was it and when was the date fixed by the Diwan ;